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HEIR TO FORTUNE ILL IN COUNTY HOSPITAL

SAN JOSE, Cal., April 4.—Heir to a half million dollars, yet too poor to go anywhere but the Santa Clara county hospital when ill, such was Merrell Field Parker, an 18 year old boy who left the hospital February 1. Word has been received from attorneys in Walla Walla, Wash., of the boy's interest in a large estate and that his relatives are anxiously seeking him.

LAURIER LOSES DEMAND FOR AN INVESTIGATION

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

OTTAWA, April 4.—The demand of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, opposition leader, for investigation by parliamentary committee of all purchases and contracts of the Canadian shell committee was voted down in the house of commons tonight. The government's majority was reduced to 38, four of its followers voting with the Laurier forces and a number absenting themselves from the division.

The vote was to have been taken a week ago, but when the government announced there would be no investigation except of charges made by G. W. Kite, involving the Canadian shell committee, Minister of Militia Sir Sam Hughes, Colonel J. Wesley Allison, E. B. Cadwell, B. F. Youkum and E. W. Bassick, it surprised the government's supporters.

The division was deferred as the government appointed two judges to investigate the charges made by Mr. Kite and any other phase of the shell committee's business that the government might want to investigate.

The minority tonight expressed objections of liberal members and four striking conservative members to limiting the investigation to a small portion of the business let by the shell committee.

Finance Minister White outlined the position of the government in a short

speech. While he spoke for the government, he did not attempt to defend the part the shell committee or the Canadian minister of militia took in letting fuse contracts to the American Ammunition company or the International Arms & Fuse company, the members of which are stated to have divided \$1,000,000 profits before obtaining contracts for \$22,000,000 worth of fuses.

Sir Sam Hughes, who is on the way back from England, will have to look after his own defense before the royal commission which has been named to report on the business given by the shell committee to the American Ammunition company, the International Arms & Fuse company, the Providence Chemical company and the Edwards Valve company.

Another charge against the shell committee was made in the debate today by E. S. McDonald, a liberal member. He stated that when Sir Alexander Bertram and Colonel Carnegie, the heads of the shell committee, went to the United States to place an order for fuses, a responsible manufacturer offered to provide fuses for cost plus 5 per cent. He asserted that Colonel Allison, the friend and representative of General Hughes, proposed that there should be added a profit of 75 cents a fuse, and that the sum thus obtained should be divided into four parts—one for the contractor, one for Allison and the two other parts for parties to be named. The American manufacturer refused to agree, Mr. McDonald said, and did not get the business, which went to the American Ammunition company and the International Arms & Fuse company.

Sir William Meredith and Judge Duff of the supreme court will open their investigation soon after the return of General Hughes to Canada.

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MORE REVENUE LESS EXPENSE AIDS WAR COST

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

LONDON, April 4.—Faced by the problem of financing for another year war costing more than £5,000,000 daily, the chancellor of the exchequer, Reginald McKenna, was met at the outset by two favorable circumstances, namely, that owing to the expansive power of British trade, the revenue for the year exceeded the estimated revenue by £32,000,000, while the year's expenditure has been £31,000,000 below the estimate.

By imposing new taxes on amusements, railway tickets, matches and mineral wells, and raising a number of the old taxes, including those on war munitions profits, incomes, sugar, cocoa, coffee and motor cars, the chancellor estimates that he will be able to raise about £65,000,000, which is nearly double what many persons believed he could raise by these means.

At the close of an able and lucid speech in the house of commons today, explaining the greatest budget in the world's history, the chancellor made an interesting comparison with German finances, declaring that while Great Britain was raising more than £300,000,000 annually by taxation, the secretary of the German imperial treasury, Dr. Helfferich, will announce a "doubtful increase" of £24,000,000.

Explaining his financial methods, Mr. McKenna indicated his desire to avoid anything requiring new machinery for its collection, which would prove costly and wasteful. Equally he had to distribute the necessary burdens fairly over the whole community. He said he was aware of no historical parallel in other countries for the willingness displayed by the people of Great Britain to submit cheerfully to the taxation exactions, but it would be more successful, he added, not to drive this spirit of public sacrifice too hard.

On the question of the general tariff, which has been the subject of earnest speculation in political circles, Mr. McKenna put aside any idea that the government had yet been converted to that means of raising revenue or breaking enemy competition. On this point he said:

"For the house will have noticed that I have not discussed the question as to whether fiscal duties not properly imposed might be used for controlling and directing trade in a way advantageous to ourselves and injurious to our enemies. I and my colleagues are satisfied that any attempt in this direction would be met by insuperable preliminary difficulties in finding the necessary machinery to give effect to such proposals.

"On the whole, the budget was well received both in the house and by the public. The debate following the chancellor's speech was confined to minor members. The criticism mainly concerned objections to the tax on matches and railway tickets, the latter on the ground that it would drive the traveling public abroad.

"William O'Brien, nationalist, for the city of Cork, protested strongly that the new proposals were piling burdens on Ireland which she could never stand.

The most unpopular of the taxes is the tax on matches, which will about double their cost. It is recalled that the last attempt to place a tax on matches in 1874 by the liberal chancellor Robert Lowe led to such serious riots in London that the attempt was abandoned.

Resolutions authorizing the new taxes and increases were formally agreed to, Edwin Samuel Montague, chancellor of the duchy of Manchester, replying to various points raised in the debate, said he thought that the chancellor of the exchequer was entitled to congratulate himself on the fact of his proposals, which had been received with such gratifying assent by the committee.

WANT SWEEPING REFORMS IN THE BEEF INDUSTRY

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

WASHINGTON, April 4.—A former Kansas governor, W. R. Stubbs, and a former Missouri judge, W. H. Wallace, who said they had learned by raising cattle themselves that meat packers, by price fixing combinations, were crushing livestock growers, pleaded with a house judiciary sub-committee today to aid in inaugurating sweeping reforms in the packing industry. They appeared as counsel for western growers and feeders.

Speaking on the Borland resolution now before the sub-committee which would order a federal trade commission inquiry to determine whether the packers are violating the anti-trust laws, they endorsed the proposal strongly and suggested making laws prohibiting the restraint of trade in foodstuffs generally more stringent. Jail sentences instead of fines were particularly urged.

"Fines are jokes," Mr. Stubbs declared. "They are not effective. The producers and the consumers pay the penalty. Anyone who juggles with the prices of food when millions are struggling for bread should be imprisoned and not fined."

Mr. Wallace, who prosecuted the James train robbers, heatedly denounced the alleged packing combination.

"We are after a worse crowd now than these James boys," he declared. "These fellows steal more money in a week than the James boys did in their whole careers."

By affidavit and testimony as to his personal experiences, the judge sought to prove that combinations had existed among packers in the Kansas City yards within the last few years. He

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submitted an affidavit from Leo Burns, a former stock yard employee, declaring that Kansas City and Chicago packing houses were in constant communication regarding proposed purchases from speculators. A message signed by Earl Cooper declared that before the packers came into possession of the Kansas City yards he used to visit the yards at night and supply them with information as to the number of livestock on hand prior to the opening of the market.

On one occasion, the judge asserted, he received only one bid on a bunch of cattle at the Kansas City yards and learned later that they were divided between two packing concerns.

Arthur Meeker, vice president of Armour & Co., promptly questioned the accuracy of the judge's statement regarding one buyer for two houses. Walter L. Fisher, attorney for the American National Livestock Association, injected the declaration that he would be able to prove that such a practice was not uncommon. Mr. Fisher produced a sales slip from the Kansas City yards which, he declared, showed that one buyer had purchased 86 cattle from a raiser and that Morris & Co. and the Cudaby Packing company had divided them equally.

The session was enlivened by exchanges between Mr. Fisher and Mr. Meeker over the proposal of the packers to submit their books to the department of agriculture to prove that they are not making an unfair profit, and the counter proposal of the producers that a tribunal with subpoena power make the examination. Once during the day Mr. Meeker declared that he was willing to have an inquisitorial body with

subpoena powers conduct the examination, but later he insisted on his original proposal of leaving the proposed investigation to the department of agriculture.

M. L. McClure, of Kansas City, president of the National Livestock Exchange, testified that restricted com-

petition was responsible for the failure of cattle raisers to make money.

The hearing will continue tomorrow, when representatives of the packers are expected to present their side of the case.

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